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FOLLOWING REPEAT IAEA VIENNA 8678 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO

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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L IAEA VIENNA 8678

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SUBJECT: IAEA REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS PROJECT

1. AS NOTED SEPTEL, MISSION PROPOSES SEND FOLLOWING
LETTER TO DG EKLUND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS HAND
IN DEALING WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO ORGANIZ-
ATION AND PACE OF CARRYING OUT SUBJECT STUDY;

QUOTE: DEAR DR. EKLUND:

I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER O CONVEY TO YOU THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE IAEA'S STUDY
PROJECT ON REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. AS
YOU KNOW, SECRETARY KISSINGER CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF SUCH REGIONAL CENTERS IN HIS RECENT STATEMENT
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AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ENDORSED

THE IAEA STUDIES IN THIS AREA.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--IF POSSIBLE, THE STUDY PROJECT SHOULD BE ACCELERATED, WITH A FINAL REPORT AVAILABLE BY THE END OF 1976. WE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL OUTSIDE HELP IN THE FORM OF MANPOWER AND MONEY, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DO OUR SHARE IN HELPING THE AGENCY WITH THIS ADDITIONAL BURDEN. WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS IN THIS RESPECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

--WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE STUDY PROJECT TO INTERFERE WITH OR DIMINISH OTHER ESTABLISHED AGENCY PROGRAMS, MANY OF WHICH ARE ALSO OF INTEREST TO THE U.S. AS WELL AS TO OTHER MEMBER STATES.

--WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE STUDY PROJECT TO BECOME A CONTINUING ACTIVITY OF THE AGENCY, BUT TO BE ORGANIZED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF COMPLETING THE REQUIRED STUDIES AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO PRE-JUDGE WHAT ROLE, IF ANY,

THE IAEA MAY BE CALLED UPON TO ASSUME IN CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH REGIONAL CENTERS AT A LATER DATE, SINCE THIS CLEARLY WILL DEPEND ON THE DESIRES OF MEMBER STATES.

--THE U.S. DOES NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN TAKING ON THIS SIGNIFICANT TASK, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE AGENCY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL OF ITS MEMBER STATES, WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND FAVORABLY, EXPEDITIOUSLY AND SUCCESSFULLY. WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREGOING VIEWS. SINCERELY. UNQUOTE.

2. MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO SEND FOREGOING LETTER. LEAHY UNQUOTE
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